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110TH CONGRESS  
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**S. 797**

**[Report No. 110–98]**

To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2007

Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

JUNE 26, 2007

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with amendments

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Star-Spangled Banner  
3 National Historic Trail Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF TRAIL.**

5 Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16  
6 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 “(26) STAR-SPANGLED BANNER NATIONAL HIS-  
9 TORIC TRAIL.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Star-Spangled  
11 Banner National Historic Trail, a trail con-  
12 sisting of water and overland routes totaling ap-  
13 proximately 290 miles extending from southern  
14 Maryland through the District of Columbia and  
15 Virginia, and north to Baltimore, Maryland,  
16 commemorating the Chesapeake Campaign of  
17 the War of 1812 (including the British invasion  
18 of Washington, District of Columbia, and its  
19 associated feints and the Battle of Baltimore in  
20 summer 1814), as generally depicted on the  
21 maps contained in the report entitled ‘Star-  
22 Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Feasi-  
23 bility Study and Environmental Impact State-  
24 ment’, and dated March 2004.

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26 *Banner National Historic Trail, a trail con-*

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“(B) MAP.—A map generally depicting the trail shall be maintained on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

“(C) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to subparagraph (E)(ii), the trail shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior.

“(D) LAND ACQUISITION.—No land or interest in land outside the exterior boundaries of any federally administered area may be ac-

quired by the United States for the trail except with the consent of the owner of the land or interest in land.

“(E) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary of the Interior shall—

“(i) encourage communities, owners of land along the trail, and volunteer trail groups to participate in the planning, development, and maintenance of the trail; and

“(ii) consult with other affected landowners and Federal, State, and local agencies in the administration of the trail.

~~“(F) INTERPRETATION AND ASSISTANCE.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary of the Interior may provide to State and local governments and nonprofit organizations interpretive programs and services and, through Fort McHenry National Monument and Shrine, technical assistance, for use in carrying out preservation and development of, and education relating to the War of 1812 along, the trail.~~

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